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¶1. The Ambassador spoke with Foreign Minister Fernando Araujo on February 14, and delivered all points in reftel A. Araujo said the GOC was considering the U.S. request, and indicated the GOC would "likely" respond favorably. Vice-Foreign Minister Camilo Reyes subsequently confirmed that the Foreign Ministry supported recognition of Kosovo at the "opportunistic moment," but said the MFA needed to consult with President Uribe. He does not anticipate that President Uribe will object. We will continue to press MFA officials for confirmation of the GOC position.

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